

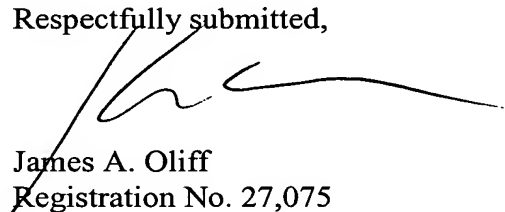
**REMARKS**

Claims 1, 6, 8, 10-15 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claim 8 is amended.

Claim 8 is amended to more clearly recite the features of the claimed invention. The Amendment does not affect the disclosure of the specification or the scope of any claim, nor does it require substantial work on the part of the Patent Office. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment.

Should the Examiner have any questions in the matter, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

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